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**Subject:** Agenda Item – Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Project Ordinance Superseding JARC Grant Project Ordinance #13753.

### **Executive Summary**

The Transportation Department is requesting an amendment to the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Project Ordinance #13753 to reflect Program of Projects revisions approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The proposed amendment will withdraw DATA's previously proposed expansion of Route 12B consistent with the approved DATA service plan.

This proposed grant project ordinance will supersede Grant Project Ordinance #13753, which was adopted by the City Council on January 5, 2009 (attachment #2).

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Durham City Council adopt the JARC Grant Project Ordinance superseding Grant Project Ordinance #13753.

### **Background**

The City of Durham serves as the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) for the DCHC MPO. The City of Durham is awarded JARC grants by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to improve employment access. The 2009 JARC Program of Projects approved by the TAC contained a JARC funding of \$36,918 to DATA for the extension of Route 12B. DATA has subsequently withdrawn the proposed extension of Route 12B due to non-availability of the local match. Accordingly, the TAC amended the program of projects to reflect DATA's withdrawal of the proposed Route 12B extension.

### **Issues and Analysis**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the DCHC MPO approved \$36,918 in JARC funds for DATA route 12B extension. This proposed route extension was subsequently withdrawn by DATA due non-availability of the local matching funds and the TAC de-obligated the funds allocated to the project. In order to reconcile the City's grant accounting funds, this revision in the JARC Program of Projects (POP) must be reflected in the JARC Grant Project Ordinance (GPO). Without reconciling the POP with the current GPO/budgetary status, the City will be unable to show FTA actual program efficiency and close out project in a timely fashion.

**Alternatives**

The City Council can adopt or not adopt the JARC GPO superseding GPO #13753.

- A. Approving the request will allow the City to reconcile the program of projects with the current FTA grant accounts. Also, it will allow for the continuation of the JARC projects for Chapel Hill Transit and DATA.
- B. If the City Council does not adopt the Grant Project Ordinance:
  - 1. The City will not be able to reconcile the JARC grant accounting.
  - 2. The City would be unable to show FTA actual program efficiency as well as fulfill grant audit requirement.

**Financial Impact**

The proposed amendment to the current grant project ordinance will not require additional funds from the City.

**SDBE Summary**

Due to the nature of this project, an SDBE summary is not needed.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Proposed Grant Project Ordinance (GPO) Superseding GPO #13753

Attachment 2 – Grant Project Ordinance #13753 approved January 5, 2009